

STRESS PROTEINS AND USES THEREFOR

Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention relates to stress proteins and methods of modulating an individual's immune response. In 5 particular, it relates to the use of such stress proteins in immune therapy and prophylaxis, which results in an induction or enhancement of an individual's immune response and as an immunotherapeutic agent which results in a decrease of an individual's immune response to his or 10 her own cells. The present invention also relates to compositions comprising a stress protein joined to another component, such as a fusion protein in which a stress protein is fused to an antigen. Further, the present invention relates to a method of generating antibodies to 15 a substance using a conjugate comprised of a stress protein joined to the substance.